UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Distr. GENERAL

E/ECA/CM.16/5
5 April 1990

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Eleventh meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the whole

Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
5-12 May 1990

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Twenty-fifth session of the Commission/ sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers

Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
15-19 May 1990

LG/NAIROBI

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT UN-PAAERD (1986-1990)

1. The United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UN-PAAERD) will come to an end in 1990. The General Assembly decided, in resolution 43/27 adopted on 16 November 1988, that the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme should be conducted at its forty-sixth session, to be held in 1991. Since the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly is expected to discuss and pronounce itself on the modalities and mechanisms for the final review of UN-PAAERD, the purpose of this note is to solicit the views of the ECA Conference of Ministers on this matter.

2. The tenth meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Follow-up and Implementation of UN-PAAERD deliberated at length on the content of the final report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of UN-PAAERD and the modalities and mechanisms for the final evaluation and appraisal of the Programme. The Task Force approved an outline of the Secretary-General's Report, which would contain four main parts: Introduction; Performance of the African economy and impact of economic reform measures thereon; Review and evaluation of the implementation of UN-PAAERD by the international community, African countries and the United Nations system; and Conclusions and recommendations on measures to accelerate and sustain growth and development in Africa (a detailed outline is given in annex I). As in the case of the two previous reports, the draft of the final report of the Secretary-General will be prepared by the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force and its Inter-Agency Working Group (ECA, UNDP, the World Bank, FAO and UNCTAD) would prepare the zero draft of the report.

3. The decision to have the final review and appraisal of UN-PAAERD take place in 1991 was been mainly dictated by the need to have up-to-date data and information on the implementation of the Programme up to the end of 1990. Needless to state that the co-operation of ECA member States in providing accurate and up-to-date data on the status of the implementation of the programme would be a major factor in the preparation of a credible and objective report. For this purpose, ECA will mount a major initiative at the beginning of 1991, through the use of questionnaires and country missions, to gather the necessary information from its member States. Co-operation of member States in this regard will be highly appreciated.

4. The meeting also approved proposals on mechanisms and a calendar of dates for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD. Final recommendations on these aspects will be submitted by the United Nations Secretary-General for consideration by the General Assembly at its 45th Session. The Task Force recommended that mechanisms for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD should be similar to those of the mid-term review. For this purpose, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly should be established to review and appraise the implementation of UN-PAAERD and to propose measures that are needed to sustain accelerated growth and development in Africa beyond 1991. The main document for this review would be the final report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme. The report of the Ad Hoc Committee, which would meet in September 1991, would subsequently be considered by the 46th session of the General Assembly at a special debate on the issue (see annex II).

Annex I

REVISED OUTLINE OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN-PAAERD

The terminal report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990 (UN-PAAERD) should provide an authoritative assessment of the extent to which the commitments entered into by all partners in UN-PAAERD have been honoured, reasons for deviation; the impact of the various actions taken; and of the measures that need to be implemented beyond 1991 to sustain growth and development in Africa. In doing this, the report should closely cross-refer to the various actions that the partners to the compact undertook to implement in UN-PAAERD. The above would require that the report should have the following structure, which would permit analysis on thematic and sectoral basis.

1. INTRODUCTION

To recall various mandates, refer to UN-PAAERD commitments, state the objectives of the report and to set the scene for the parts to follow.

2. PERFORMANCE OF THE AFRICAN ECONOMIES AND THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES THEREON

This section should assess the performance of the African economy over the period 1986-1990 and also provide analysis of the impact of the extent to which UN-PAAERD has been implemented - in relation to the impact of other internal and external factors - on the economic performance in the region.

3. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN-PAAERD BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

This section should review and assess the extent to which actions that were to be undertaken by the international community and by African countries within the framework of UN-PAAERD have been implemented and should also analyse the reasons why certain commitments (if any) have not been met. The section will also review and assess the response of the United Nations system to UN-PAAERD.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES TO ACCELERATE AND SUSTAIN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

This part would summarize the conclusions arrived at from the review and analysis of the preceeding sections.

Drawing on these conclusions, this section would then delineate the measures that need to be taken in the post UN-PAAERD period - both by African countries and

their partners - to bring about a process of accelerated and sustained growth and development in the African region.

The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group (ECA, UNDP, the World Bank, UNCTAD and FAO) would - similar to previous practices - prepare the zero draft of the report. The United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force (UN-IATF) will consider and finalize the zero draft and transmit the draft report to the United Nations Steering Committee for onward transmission to the Secretary-General.

Annex II

FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT: PROPOSED MECHNAISMS AND DATES

May 1990	Proposals by the ECA Conference of Ministers to ECOSOC on the programme and mechanisms for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD.
July 1990	Consideration of and proposals by ECOSOC on the mechanisms for the final review and appraisal of UN-PAAERD.
September 1990	Consideration by the General Assembly of the mechanisms for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD.
April 1991	Review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD by the ECA Conference of Ministers.
June/July 1991	Circulation of the Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of UN-PAAERD.
September 1991	Meeting of the Ad hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of UN-PAAERD.
August/September 1991	Submission of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly.
September/December 1991	Special Debate of the General Assembly on the report and resolutions of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of UN-PAAERD and measures needed to be implemented beyond 1991 to sustain accelerated growth and development in Africa.